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METHOD OF PREPARATION OF POSITIVE ELECTRODE MATERIAL**Abstract of the Disclosure**

A method for preparing a positive electrode material for a lithium-ion or lithium-ion polymer battery to reduce the moisture content of the positive electrode material. A lithiated transition metal oxide positive electrode material having at least one water-containing compound therein is treated to convert the water-containing compound to a water-free compound. One treatment in the method of the present invention involves exposing the positive electrode material at a temperature of 0-650°C to a CO₂-containing gas. The other treatment in the method of the present invention involves heating the positive electrode material to a temperature greater than 250°C in the presence of an oxygen-containing gas, such as air and/or O₂. The treatments may be performed sequentially or concurrently.